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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN PRESS REACTION TO MAALOT TERRORIST INCIDENT

1. JORDANIAN DAILIES AR-FAI, AS-SABAH AND AD-DUSTOUR
BANNER HEADLINES READ "DECEITFUL AND TREACHEROUS
OPERATION: ISRAELI ARMY ATTACKS SCHOOL AT SAME TIME
AS FRENCH AND ROMANIAN AMBASSADORS NEGOTIATING, "ISRAELI
SETTLEMENT OCCUPIED FOR 14 HOURS; ISRAELI SOLDIERS
CONDUCT TREACHEROUS OPERATION AND KILL TENS OF STUDENTS,"
AND "16 ISRAELIS KILLED AND 70 WOUNDED AS THREE FEDAYIIN
MARTYRED WHEN SCHOOL IS BLOWN UP AFTER ISRAELI FORCES
STORMING OPERATION." TEXT OF ARTICLES GIVE GENERALLY
FACTURAL ACCOUNT OMITTING, HOWEVER, ANY MENTION OF
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ISRAELI CLAIM THAT FEDAYIIN TOSSED GRENADES AND FIRED

AMONG VICTIMS. AR-RAI ALSO WRITES THAT REMOVAL OF ONE FEDAYIIN PRISONER FROM ASHKELON JAIL BLANDFOLDED "WAS ONLY A TRICK TO SURPRISE THE FEDAYIIN."

2. PRESS ALSO REPORT THAT "A NUMBER OF ROCKETS" WERE FIRED IN THE DIRECTION OF AMERICAN CONSULATE IN EAST JERUSALEM, WHILE ANOTHER ROCKET WAS DISCOVERED AIMED AT KING DAVID HOTEL, "WHERE KISSINGER IS STAYING."

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT DEPLORES KILLING OF CHILDREN IN GENERAL, WHETHER ARAB OR ISRAELI, BUT BLAMES ISRAELI CABINET DECISION TO RUSH SCHOOL RATHER THAN NEGOTIATE FURTHER. EDITORIALS CLAIM ULTIMATE BLAME LIES WITH THOSE WHO FIRST ENCOURAGED ZIONIST IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE, AND REFER TO "ARAB CHILDREN KILLED BY THE ISRAELIS DURING A QUARTER OF A CENTURY IN PALESTINE WITHOUT GIVING ANY OF THEM A CHANCE TO FLEE." "IN THE MIDST OF THIS SAD DRAMA, DR. KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS CALLING FOR REASONABILITY AND WISDOM SEEM A CONTRADICTION."
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